

### Szeszochowa—Mecca for Pilgrims Now Center of Warring People

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The National Geographic society gives the following description of Szeszochowa, which has figured during the past few days in the campaign in Poland.

"Szeszochowa, called by the Germans Czestochowa, a city in Russian Poland, is one of the foremost Meccas of the pilgrimage-going Slavonians. More than western Christians of whatever creed go to Jerusalem, more than Roman Catholics go to Rome or Protestants to Eisenach and Geneva, do the Slavonians in particular, the Russians take up the pilgrim's staff and wander to their holy places. These people of the north are akin to the people of India in that force of their religion which drives them from their homes on religious pilgrimage.

Famed throughout Russia, Poland and among the southern Slavonians is the little city of Czestochowa, wherein is the shrine of the wonder-working Black Madonna. Many a son and daughter of the dreary, government-ridden steppes and of bond-held Poland feels that he or she left a torn and harried spirit or some physical infirmity before the magic of this porting.

"Czestochowa is gray in age and gray in striking history. It is a city on the southwestern Polish plateau, some 500 feet above sea level, of 72,500 inhabitants, capital of a county of the same name in the Russian-Polish government of Piotrkow, and it is situated about twelve miles from the German frontier at lower Silesia. Czestochowa lies on the left bank of the Warta, northwest of Cracow, and is an important station on the Warsaw-Cracow railway. It is 143 miles southwest of Warsaw.

"Commercially the city is of no importance. Its business is mostly with the pilgrims, of whom more than 400,000 come to its shrine every year. There are a dozen or more factories in the place, manufacturing cotton and wooden stuffs, paper, leather and beer. More important is a publishing house which does a brisk business with the visitors in religious writings and sacred pictures. The sale of amulets, warding charms against each particular evil and against all evil in general, is a

significant part of the city's trade.

"The Black Madonna, sacred mystery picture, the source of 'Black Madonna worship' among the Poles and Russians, is, in itself and in its history, one of the most absorbing of paintings. It hangs in a chapel over the altar, veiled, except at the chief service twice each day, when it is shown. It is a picture of the Virgin and Child on cypress wood, black-brown with age, crowned with purple gold and lavishly adorned with a fortune of costly jewels. According to tradition, it was painted by St. Luke, came into the possession of St. Helena; passed an adventuresome, beneficent time until brought by Prince Leo to Galicia; and was finally placed in the Pauline monastery at Czestochowa to protect it from the Tartars in 1352.

"The Pauline monastery, home of the wonderful painting, has been the center of Czestochowa's history. It stands, surrounded by a pentagonal wall, on the rugged Jasna Gora promontory, which dominates the city. All through the Middle Ages the fortifications of the monastery were added to; and every time hostile armies came that way it was besieged. At one time it was so wealthy that it is said to have owned or held in pledge one-fifteenth of all estates in Poland.

### SERVIAN ARMY SUFFERS FROM LACK OF OFFICERS

(Associated Press Correspondence.) Nish, Serbia, Nov. 24.—There is a shortage of officers in the Serbian army, due not only to the severe losses sustained in the earlier battles of the campaign, but also to the losses of the two Balkan wars. The staffs have proved a source of considerable embarrassment to the army chiefs, and a number of youthful cadets from the military college have now been given commissions and sent to the front.

Another matter of serious concern in army circles is the difficulty of caring properly for the wounded, who are being sent into the interior towns as rapidly as possible. Although there are a number of Red Cross units from foreign countries on the ground, there is still a shortage of trained help, and a still more serious shortage of drugs and of surgical and hygienic appliances.

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### The Escape on the Limited

YOU can't escape a mustache. You may shave it off, but the memory lingers. At a critical moment the habit of twisting it fondly will bring your fingers to your barren upper lip, and then the detective will get you.

This moral is plainly taught in the story of Harry Brandt, the defaulting bank cashier of Williamsburg. Brandt made his escape minus his mustache to the remote hamlet where Helen Holmes was telegraph operator. The detective who was on his trail arrived at Lone Point on the very train which ran into a farmer's wagon, causing every one to run back to help the injured man. Brandt, who was loitering at the telegraph office, started to pass the hat. The detective watched him closely, and when he saw him fingering his new shaved upper lip his suspicions were aroused.

Brandt became aware of his suspicious and started to leave town. Helen, after receiving instructions from the police, tried to hold him at the point of a revolver. He made his escape after a terrible struggle.

The detective and police under Helen's direction pursued him in a hand-car. As they began to overtake the limited on which Brandt had made his



Scene from 'THE ESCAPE ON THE LIMITED'

escape he covered the flagman with his revolver to prevent his stopping the train. In the light on the rear platform Brandt lost his balance and fell into the ditch. His still body, showered with the money for which he gave his life, was found by the pursuers.

This is the story of "The Escape on the Limited," which the Kaleid Company is producing as the latest of the "Hazards of Helen" series. Miss Helen Holmes, the girl telegraph operator, is again the heroine. In the great scene when she tries to prevent Brandt from getting away on the train she has a wonderful chance to portray a woman of stern integrity whose sense of duty clashes with her tender feminine pity. Brandt's plea for "just one more chance" stays her hand for a moment. This is all he needs to knock the pistol from her grasp, and in the hand to hand fight that follows she is thrown to the floor unconscious.

She rallies in time to lead the chase on the handcar, however, and is the most daring of all the force in speeding over the rough mountain tracks.

Miss Holmes has seldom had a play which gives her more opportunity for the display of her varied dramatic talents, to say nothing of exhibiting her skill as pilot of a handcar.

### Discoveries of Nelson May Change Archaeological Ideas

The New York Herald of last Sunday contains an account from Nelson C. Nelson, an archaeologist and university historian who recently made investigations in this state, to the effect that he had made certain discoveries near Santa Fe which might alter theories concerning the prehistoric peoples of the southwest.

The statement is as follows: "Prehistoric man on this continent stands revealed in a new light through the discoveries made by an expedition of the American Museum of Natural History of this city headed by Nels C. Nelson, who yesterday returned from the southwest. Mr. Nelson is an assistant in the department of anthropology in the institution, and his researches among the traces of primitive man in Europe are well known. He found in a refuse heap, near an ancient pueblo or community house, thirty miles from Santa Fe, New Mexico, relics which evidently date back from 1,000 to 2,000 years. The strata show the rise and the decline of the ruins of the southwest, in the industrial arts, and especially in the making of pottery.

The old tribe of the Tanos, whose collapsed dwellings are at least two thousand years old, lived in the valleys over which the expedition has been carrying on its work. The refuse heap, which was about ten feet high, has on its lower layers broken pottery, implements of stone and wood, all of all kinds which show a race emerging from savagery.

The pottery, which is so good an index of the civilization of a people, appears in this early stage as crude, marked by primitive designs. It becomes more finished in the stratum above. The face has learned how to turn it red and to decorate it in two colors. Then comes a period of perfection almost in their ceramic art for the forms are beautiful and a lustre of glaze and well blended colors appear.

Apparently for several centuries there was a high type of civilization. Gradually the secret of making the glaze disappears. The formula is lost. Experiments follow. The Tanos pottery are mixing glazes which run from the designs and blur them when heat is applied. The shapes of the jars and bowls return to an ugly crudity. The markings on them show a race which has become less and less skillful. Then the making of glazes becomes an entirely lost art, and the vessels are so crude that they seem to show the relapse of the people into what they were centuries before.

The period of deterioration might be traced from these remains to the Spanish conquest. In the sixteenth century, Huber, the Spanish provided some substitute for the pottery which was then made or a period of demoralization extended throughout the land.

The vessels which Mr. Nelson has rescued from oblivion are mostly in fragments, and this will be the task of piecing them together again. He acquired for the museum an especially fine Tanos bowl, which may be 1,000 to 1,500 years old, from a woman who had been using it on the washstand for fifteen years. Many times a day it had been in danger of being smashed by the young hopefuls of the family, but for all that this precious archaeological relic survived and will be placed on exhibition.

By means of the discoveries made in the refuse he p, it is expected that

# SPORTS

## "BE AT RINGSIDE" IS TIP GOING ABOUT TOWN

### Torres and Pierson Are Said to Have Been Egged Into a Grudge Fight; Backers for Both Galore.

"A grudge fight and the best of the season" is the tip going about town in regard to the "Charlie Pierson-Jack Torres" watermelon fight at the Cactus Athletic club tomorrow evening. The regulars are on their toes for the clash, and if ever two boys had more backers than they knew what to do with, they are the same Pierson and Torres.

Pierson's toughness and his butterfly battle plan are the factors which are attracting attention to the new-boy. His great fights with Harry Brewer, Wildcat Ferns and Art Jankin have given Pierson more backers than all of his other performances. Coming down to brass tacks, the New-boy has not lost any battles for a long time. Therefore he is due for a lot of consideration.

Torres is clever and can hit. The Torres backers figure that the Albuquerque boy will never let the New-boy get in close. They figure that Torres' blows are going to send Pierson more than he has ever been delayed.

Both men are ready. Today ended the last heavy work and from now on it will be all light work until the going rings sending them on their ten-round journey. Tickets for the coming will be put on sale last evening at the Graham Bros. saloon and also the Sturgis cigar store and hotel bar, and from the heavy advance sale it looks like Pierson and Torres will be greeted by a crowded house on Wednesday night, December 30.

Speaking of Charlie Pierson, Otto Photo, sporting editor of the Denver Post, said "Charlie Pierson, who meets Jack Torres of Albuquerque in the near future, is fighting better just now than he has fought in some months. Pierson left Kansas City feeling confident that he would be returned the winner, that there is many a slip betwixt the cup and lip, and celebrations won't be ordered till after the battle. From what we know of Pierson we take it that the fans in Albuquerque will have a splendid evening's entertainment in store when the pair clash."

### GERMAN OFFICER GIVES HIGH COMMENDATION TO EAST INDIAN TROOPS

(Associated Press Correspondence.) Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes the following letter from a German officer, commenting in the process of Holland's Indian troops:

"Today for the first time we had in fight against the Indians, and the devil knows these brown rascals are not to be underrated. At first we spoke with contempt of the Indians. Today we learned to look at them in a different light. For three days we were shelled continuously. The English thought we were pounded into a jelly, so they sent us a little surprise in the shape of a visit from their own allies.

"Satan our knows what the English put into those fellows. Those who stormed our lines were either drunk or possessed with evil spirits. With fearful shouting, in comparison with which our hurrahs were like the whining of a baby, thousands of these brown forms rushed upon us as suddenly as if they were shot out of a fog.

"We opened a destructive fire at a hundred yards. It mowed down hundreds, but in spite of that the others advanced, springing forward like cats and surrounding our obstacles with unimpaired agility. In no time they were in our trenches, and truly these brown enemies were not to be despised. With butt-ends, bayonets, swords and daggers we fought each other, and we had bitter hard work until our reinforcements arrived and we drove them out of the trenches."

**GERMAN URGES GREATER DOMESTIC FOOD ECONOMIES**  
Copenhagen, Dec. 28.—An official edict being distributed throughout Germany urges the necessity for economy in food, and gives the following instructions to housewives:

"Cook potatoes in their skins.  
"Give animals no bread or corn, but save them the straw.  
"Respect your daily bread; then you will always have it, no matter how long the war lasts.  
"Eat war-bread, known by the letter 'K'; it is as satisfactory and nourishing as other kinds."

**Really Sick.**  
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marked the start of his seventeenth season as leader of the Spunktown crew. In his 14 years' connection with the team he has won four National league pennants and one world's championship.

This year was the first in the 19 years Clark has been manager of the Pittsburgh Nationals that the team has finished the second division. It has been first four times.

Federal league officials are still trying to interest some one in putting a club in New York City.

Manager Breslering is to take the Cubs to Tampa for spring training.

Reports from Cleveland have it that Connie Mack made Charles Somers a bid for Pitcher Willie Mitchell, but that the Cleveland manager refused to consider any offer whatever for his southpaw. Conie, on his part, says it is news to him that he had made an offer for Mitchell.

It is expected that Outfielder Wolter, who played in the Pacific Coast league last summer, will again join the New York Americans next spring.

President Navin of the Detroit Americans has completed the training trip plans for next spring. The first game will be played with New Orleans March 13.

Those who have written reasons about the great foot ball eleven of the year seem to have overlooked entirely the Everett high school eleven, of Everett, Mass., which, all things considered, ranks as the greatest foot ball team of the year.

Everett high played 12 games during the year and won them all. Not once during those 12 games was it scored upon and its total scoring for those 12 games was exactly 600 points—a greater number of points than ever has been scored by any eleven, college, high school or otherwise, in the history of the game. Yearly great scoring machines of ten years or so ago rolled up 550 points, but Everett high exceeded this mark by 50 points.

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Clay O'Donnell was coach of the Everett team and his work this year has given him a national reputation.

Bill James, the pitcher of Black Bay, outgained many a better, but when it came to hitting himself and out-guessing pitchers his record does not point to anything like the same number. In 49 games last season William the Conqueror drew the grand but empty total of no bases on balls.

Followers of American league baseball will greatly miss Herman Schaefer from the Washington lineup next autumn. Schaefer was not only a splendid coach and pinch hitter, but he put a whole lot of red humor into the contents with which he was connected.

By giving Pitcher George Wilson the unconditional release, the New York Giants rewarded a man who had always given his best services to the team even when called upon to play first base in the world's series of 1912.

Despite the fact that the University of Pennsylvania varsity football team did not have a very successful season last fall, the university made \$43,965, according to the report of the treasurer.

American league football is again coming into vogue in the Pacific coast. The various high schools are to vote as to which game they will play next fall.

S. B. Penstock, the Harvard guard, has now secured the honor of being on three of Walter Camp's all-American eleven. Had he been eligible to compete his freshman year, as in the days of old, he would have probably made four of them.

It is stated that Outfielder Jackson of the Cleveland Americans has turned down a Federal league offer of \$20,000 for three years.

Columbia university certainly makes a football greatly from a financial standpoint. Despite the fact that the Blue and White won the inter-collegiate rowing championship last June, there was a deficit of \$2,100 for the season and the undergraduates are being asked to make it up. Had Columbia played varsity football, the deficit would have been more than made up.

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